

**ATTENTION ALL NDE PORTAL USERS:**

Please log onto your portal accounts and go to the “My Profile” tab and check to make sure your contact information (especially the email address) is up to date. It is very important to keep this information updated as the Department of Education uses the email address that is in the users’ Portal account to send vital information. Thank you!!



**2015-2016 ACT Information available on NSSRS Validation website for review**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

Public District and County level average ACT Composite Scores for 2015-2016 graduates is now available on the NSSRS Validation website under the Data Downloads Tab. This information will be available to the public by September 30. Districts are encouraged review the information available on the NSSRS Validation website prior to public availability.



**Message from the Statewide Assessment Office**

The Assessment Office wants to thank the district staff members for your patience about receiving information concerning the public release of the 2015-2016 NeSA data. The September NeSA release will **not** include disaggregated data. Disaggregated data are embargoed. A new public report is being developed by NDE to replace the State of the Schools report. The release is tentatively planned later this fall and will include disaggregated assessment results.



**Updated Guidance on Home Schooled Students**

Contact: Beth Bolte regarding Home School questions (402-471-2795 or [beth.bolte@nebraska.gov](mailto:beth.bolte@nebraska.gov)) or Pam Tagart for questions regarding High School Graduation Rate (Cohort) (402-471-4735 or [pam.tagart@nebraska.gov](mailto:pam.tagart@nebraska.gov))

Parents who choose to home school must file for exempt status under Rule 13 for students who are of compulsory school attendance age. A report of acknowledged exempt schools is provided to the superintendent of the resident school district via email from the Exempt School Program Office. Exempt School information can be viewed at <http://www.education.ne.gov/FOS/OrgServices/ExemptSchools/Index.html>.

If these students go to a public school for anyclasses, the public school district can enroll the students as part-time students under Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-2,136. The district will have to report data on the student in NSSRS as detailed in Who Reports What (<https://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/docs/Who%20Reports%20What%2012-22-15.pdf>), Item “N” or “O” detail the reporting requirements for part-time students depending on the student’s FTE.

For Home school students in Grades 9-12 attending a public district part-time. The USDOE High School Graduation Rate Non Regulatory Guidance Education <https://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/docs/hsgrguidance.pdf> A-24 and A-27 indicates a district may transfer out a student to the home school if the state has documentation the student is being home schooled. The Rule 13

process provides this documentation for students under age 18. For students 18 and over: NDE's guidance is for the school district to maintain written documentation from the parent verifying the student is being home schooled or will continue to be homeschooled. This will comply with the Non Regulatory Guidance referenced above (A-27) regarding proper documentation.



**The following collections are currently open in the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC)**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

Please refer to the CDC Calendar which is located on the NSSRS Resources page at <http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Resources.html#Instructions> and also review the instructions available in each of the CDC collections for further details about each collection.

**Assessed Valuation and Levies – OPEN September 1**

Assessed Valuation and levies. Distance between high school attendance centers.

**Due Date: October 15 (Audit Window Close Date: November 2)**

*Collection completed by Public*

For more information, contact Jen Utemark – [jen.utemark@nebraska.gov](mailto:jen.utemark@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-3323

**Elementary Site Allowance – OPEN September 1**

Districts that are applying for the Elementary Site Allowance. This form to be completed by a school district with multiple elementary attendance sites. A qualifying elementary site shall be an elementary attendance site, in a district with multiple elementary attendance sites, which (a) does not have another elementary attendance site within 7 miles in the same school district, or (b) is the only public elementary attendance site located in an incorporated city or village.

**Due Date: October 15 (Audit Window Close Date: November 2)**

*Collection completed by Public*

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**Human Resources Contact – OPENED August 1**

The Department of Education developed the HR Director Contact(s) to collect name and email address for coorespondence. The data is gathered with the purpose of using the email address for notices regarding teacher and administrative certificates, evaluation systems, surveys, and data. The contact listed may have a similar role to an HR Director.

**Open All Year – (Audit Window Close Date: June 30, 2017)**

*Collection completed by Public*

For more information, contact NDE Helpdesk – [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov) (888)285-0556

**Non-Certificated Staff – OPEN September 1**

Report of Non-Certificated Staff.

**Due Date: October 15 (Audit Window Close Date: November 2)**

*Collection completed by Public, State Operated and ESU's*

For more information, contact NDE Helpdesk – [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov) (888)285-0556

**Nonpublic Dropout Report – OPEN September 1**

Collects Nonpublic dropout data.

**Due Date: October 15 (Audit Window Close Date: November 2)**

*Collection completed by Nonpublic*

For more information, contact NDE Helpdesk – [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov) (888)285-0556

**Nonpublic Membership Report – OPEN September 1**

Collects membership data from Nonpublic Systems.

**Due Date: October 15 (Audit Window Close Date: November 2)**

**Collection completed by Nonpublic**

For more information, contact NDE Helpdesk – [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov) (888)285-0556

**PK Instructional Program Hours/K Program - OPEN September 1**

Instructional program hours including kindergarten program type.

**Due Date: October 15 (Audit Window Close Date: November 2)**

**Collection completed by Public**

For more information, contact Tammi Hicken – [tammi.hicken@nebraska.gov](mailto:tammi.hicken@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-3184

**School Age Final Financial Report (FFR) - OPEN September 1**

School District's/ESU's claim reimbursement for SPED School age expenditures.

**Collection completed by Public and ESU's**

For more information, contact Lori Adams – [lori.adams@nebraska.gov](mailto:lori.adams@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-2637

The Special Education Final Financial Reports for 2015-2016 school year are due as follows:

\* [Birth to Age Five \(BAFFFR\) \(NDE 06-025\)](#) - **Due on or before October 1** - copies of contracted services billings are **NOT** required

\* [Transportation \(TRANSFFR\) \(NDE 06-016\)](#) - **Due on or before September 30**

\* [School Age \(SAFFR\) \(NDE PORTAL\)](#) - **Due on or before October 31** (Opens September 1) – copies of accounting records for “Flex” Support Services Expenditures - Function Code 1125 and SPED School Age - Function Code 1200 and copies of contracted services billings **ARE** required and can be uploaded

**NEW** - August 23, 2016 the NDE Office of Special Education provided clarification of Rule 51 - Section 011.02C2 - If this applies to your district, the necessary documentation needs to be submitted no later than October 31, 2016 to the attention of Leslie Galloway at the NDE Office of Special Education for consideration.

For additional information go to: <http://www.education.ne.gov/FOS/SPED/index.html>.

**Student Growth Adjustment - OPEN September 1**

Districts applying for the student growth adjustment. Districts must estimate their 2017/18 average daily membership and provide evidence supporting the estimate. Estimated student growth is the difference between the 2016/17 fall membership and 2017/18 estimated average daily membership.

**Due Date: October 15 (Audit Window Close Date: November 2)**

**Collection completed by Public**

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**Substitute Teachers - OPEN September 1**

Report all substitute teachers. **Open all year – (Audit Window Close Date: June 30, 2017)**

**Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated, ESU's and Interim**

For more information, contact Kevin Peters – [kevin.peters@nebraska.gov](mailto:kevin.peters@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-0739

**Summer School Student Unit - OPEN September 1**

Number of students by grade who attend summer school: 1) attending remedial Math or Reading, 2) students eligible for free lunch or free milk qualified for free lunches or free milk and attended a school that uses information collected from parents and guardians to determine such qualifications or attended (or is registered to attend for early childhood) at a school that provides free meals to all students pursuant to the community eligibility provision.

**Due Date: October 15 (Audit Window Close Date: November 2)**

**Collection completed by Public**

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**Teacher and Principal Evaluation Survey – OPEN September 1**

NDE Principal Performance Survey and NDE Teacher Performance Survey.

**Due Date: October 15 (Audit Window Close Date: November 2)**

**Collection to be completed by Public Districts only**

For more information, contact Diane Stuehmer – [diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov](mailto:diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-1740

**Teacher Vacancy Survey – OPEN September 1**

The Nebraska Department of Education developed the Teacher Vacancy Survey to collect data relating to teacher supply in Nebraska. The data is gathered with the purpose of determining the content areas for which teacher supply does not meet demand and which methods are commonly used by school districts to meet staffing needs.

**Due Date: November 10 (Audit Window Close Date: December 10)**

**Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, and ESU's**

For more information, contact Sharon Katt – [sharon.katt@nebraska.gov](mailto:sharon.katt@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-2405

**Technology Plan – OPEN September 1**

Collects school and technology related inventories.

**Due Date: November 1 (Audit Window Close Date: February 15)**

**Collection completed by Public and ESUs; Non-public optional**

For more information, contact SuAnn Witt – [suann.witt@nebraska.gov](mailto:suann.witt@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-2085

**Title I Annual Caseload Count of Children In Local Institutions For Neglected or Delinquent**

**OPEN September 1**

The purpose of this annual caseload count is to provide the State Educational Agency with current information on the location and number of children living in institutions for neglected or delinquent children, or in local correctional institutions. The information collected will be used in the Title I formula for computing allocations for local educational agencies.

**Due Date: December 5 (Audit Window Close Date: January 5, 2017)**

**Collection completed by Public**

For more information, contact Pat Frost – [pat.frost@nebraska.gov](mailto:pat.frost@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-2478

**Title III Professional Development – OPEN September 1**

**Title III subgrantees only**

**Due Date: October 1 (Audit Window Close Date: November 15)**

Districts or Educational Service Unit consortia that receive funds under Title III Limited English Proficient grants should complete this information. It is designed to collect information on the types of professional development provided under Title III for the previous school year. Audit window closes on October 15

**Collection completed by Public and ESU's**

For more information, contact Terri Schuster [terri.schuster@nebraska.gov](mailto:terri.schuster@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-4694

**Two-Year New School Adjustment Application – OPEN September 1**

Districts applying for a Two-Year New School Adjustment. School districts applying for the two-year new school adjustment will need to provide estimated additional student capacity and provide supporting evidence.

**Due Date: October 15 (Audit Window Close Date: November 2)**

**Collection completed by Public**

For more information, contact Jen Utemark – [jen.utemark@nebraska.gov](mailto:jen.utemark@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-3323



**Rule 10 Assurance Statement – DUE DATE: November 1**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

All accredited school systems (public and non-public) are required to complete a Rule 10 Assurance Statement annually. The Assurance Statement must be completed to reflect compliance or indicate areas of noncompliance as your school system starts the 2016-2017 school year.

The Assurance Statement for public school districts will be web-based, as it was last school year, and was available on the NDE Portal under the Data Collections tab, **August 15**. The Assurance Statement for non-public schools will continue to be included in the Fall Mailing and was sent by August 15<sup>th</sup>. FAQ and instruction documents regarding completion of the Rule 10 Assurance Statement will be available in the Fall mailing and within the Portal.



**MOE Eligibility Application – DUE DATE: November 15**

Contact: Pete Biaggio (402-471-4308 or [pete.biaggio@nebraska.gov](mailto:pete.biaggio@nebraska.gov))

***Collection completed by Public***

The purpose of this application is to provide IDEA special education Maintenance of Effort (MOE) information to establish school eligibility for receipt of IDEA current year funds.

**HOW TO CONTACT THE NDE HELPDESK**

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions.

**All three ways get to the same place, so please only use one of the following options.**

**If you send more than one request this may delay our response as we coordinate all requests.**

1. Submit a "Helpdesk Request" from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.

**OR**

2. Email: [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

**OR**

3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556 – **This is a Voicemail line ONLY.**

**Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.**

ALSO: If you have contacted the NDE Program Staff person, please do not also contact the Helpdesk. Multiple contacts will delay the response.

**THANK YOU!**

**NDE Bulletins: Past and Present:**

Current and past NDE Bulletins can be found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html>. We will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

***Denise Schuyler***

*Data, Research, and Evaluation - NDE IT Helpdesk Specialist*



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